

REMARKS

Reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested. Applicants reserve the right to prosecute any non-elected claims and / or subject matter in this application as appropriate or to prosecute the same in subsequently filed applications. Consideration and entry of this response is respectfully requested.

Change of Correspondence Address

Applicants respectfully request that the Correspondence Address for all future mailings related to this application be changed to the following:

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Restriction Requirement

The Examiner requires election of either Group I (claims 1 (in part), 2 and 8-13 (in part)) or Group II (claim 1 (in part), 3-7, and 8-13 (in part), and 14-22). The Examiner further requires election of one of the following vectors: poxvirus, adenovirus, retrovirus, herpesvirus, and adeno-associated virus. If a poxvirus is selected, the Examiner requires election of one of vaccinia, NYVAC, MVA, avipox, canarypox, ALVAC, ALVAC(2), fowlpox or TROVAC. The Examiner also requires election of one type of tumor antigen as listed in claim 11.

Applicants hereby elect with traverse the claims of Group II drawn to methods of treating cancer comprising administering a nucleic acid encoding a tumor antigen and subsequently administering a cytokine. With respect to the species elections, Applicants elect poxvirus as the vector; avipox as the poxvirus species; and, gp100 as the tumor antigen species. Applicants are entitled to consideration of claims to additional species upon the allowance of a generic claim.

Applicants believe a search for art related to the claims of Group I and Group II would overlap and would not cause the Examiner an undue burden, and request that this restriction requirement be withdrawn. As stated above, Applicants reserve the right to

reincorporate any cancelled or otherwise unclaimed subject matter as appropriate in this application or to prosecute the same in subsequently filed applications.

CONCLUSIONS

Reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested. Applicants believe the claims are in condition for allowance, and respectfully request that a Notice of Allowance be issued as soon as possible. The Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned if it is believed doing so would expedite prosecution of this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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